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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, TW, VS

SUBJECT: REFUGEES ABOARD S.S. GLORIOUS COUNTRY

REF: TAIPEI 2897

1. S.S. GLORIOUS COUNTRY IS PANAMANIAN SHIP OWNED BY HONG KONG INTERESTS WHICH SAILED FROM HONG KONG REPORTEDLY FOR NAHA MAY 22. OF THE 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BOARD, THREE MANAGED TO OBTAIN FRENCH APPROVAL FOR ENTRY AND DISEMBARKED FROM THE SHIP IN HONG KONG. SEVEN MORE HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN HONG KONG FOR TRAVEL TO CANADA BUT SHIP DEPARTED PRIOR TO THEIR DISEMBARKATION. OF THE REMAINING 25, MOST HAVE SOME TIES WITH US (CHILDREN THERE ON STUDENT VISAS, ETC.).

2. FYI HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS EXTREMELY WARY IN DEALING WITH S.S. GLORIOUS COUNTRY SINCE SHIP IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN IN SMUGGLING BUSINESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS ALTHOUGH THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN PROVED IN COURT. END FYI.  
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